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FOR AMBASSADOR WHITE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:SHUM, PA

SUBJECT: WOLA REPRESENTATIVES WILL COME TO PARAGUAY

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REF: STATE 184379

1. MS. GRIESGRABER CALLED DESK TO REPORT ON HER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU LAST NIGHT, JULY 20. SHE INDICATED THAT YOU INFORMED HER THAT THE DECISION TO VISIT ASUNCION WAS FOR WOLA TO MAKE. SHE REPORTED THAT YOU DID CONSIDER NEXT WEEK TO BE A KEY PERIOD IN LAINO DEFENSE, SINCE HE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE BEFORE A JUDGE. SHE SAID FURTHER THAT YOU ADVISED THAT IF THE TRIP TAKES PLACE, IT SHOULD BE DONE IN THE MANNER OF THE AIFLD VISIT OF WILLIAM DOHERTY LAST DECEMBER. SHE ALSO STATED THAT YOU WERE INFORMED WE HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT HER VISIT MIGHT BE RISKY AT THIS TIME. SHE FELT FROM HER CONVERSATION WITH YOU THAT THE LIKELIHOOD OF RISK IS
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REMOTE.

2. THE WOLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS NOW MET AND DECIDED THAT MS. GRIESGRABER AND WILLIAM B. BROWN, DESCRIBED AS HEAD OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WILL MAKE THE TRIP TO ASUNCION. THEY HAVE NOT CONFIRMED FLIGHT RESERVATIONS AS

YET, BUT EXPECT TO LEAVE THE U.S. ON SUNDAY NIGHT AND

ARRIVE IN ASUNCION AT MID-DAY, JULY 24.

3. THE DESK ASKED THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE TRIP. MS. GRIESGRABER STATED THAT THE PURPOSE IS TO PROTEST THE TRIAL OF LAINO AND TO CLEAR THE NAME OF WOLA. SUBSEQUENTLY FRANK MCNEIL TOLD JOE ELDRIDGE AND JO MARIE THAT WE WERE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT THE VISIT, WHICH WAS THEIR DECISION, COULD PRODUCE A REACTION IN THE GOP WHICH WOULD HURT LAINO'S CHANCES FOR EARLY RELEASE. THEY RECOGNIZED THE POINT, BUT HAD DECIDED TO GO AHEAD BECAUSE MRS. LAINO WANTED THEM TO COME. THEY WERE SPEAKING WITH HER TONIGHT, IF THERE WERE ANY CHANGE, THEY WOULD LET US KNOW.

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